BOMBAY AND KARNATAK LEADERS TO CONFER TO SOLVE BORDER PROBLEMS

From Our Correspondent.

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12: A joint conference of Bombay and Karnataka leaders are likely to be held shortly to discuss the border issues of Belgaum and Karwar.

This conference, according to lobby indications, will be convened after the forthcoming meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Mysore.

Shri Y. B. Chavan, Chief Minister of Bombay, has prepared a lengthy memorandum to be presented to the Zonal Council, which will be presided over by the Union Home Minister, Shri G. B. Pant. This memorandum it is learnt, lays down certain principles which will enable both parties to reach a reasonable and amicable settlement. For instance, Shri Chavan is reported to have stressed, in the memorandum, that geographic contiguity and language should form the basis for settling border disputes.

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It would appear that he has also assured all kinds of guarantees to the Kannada-speaking people in Bombay territory like opening of more Kannada schools and payment of subsidy to the Karnatak Government for building a district capital.

It is believed that he has also promised to make arrangements for the transfer of the Parvai College to Karnataka.

Shri Chavan, who will be here in the next two days, to attend a meeting of the National Development Council, is expected to meet Shri Pant and discuss with him the Bombay-Karnataka border problems.

It is considered possible that he will also confer with Shri Nijalingappa, Chief Minister of Mysore.

The members of Parliament coming from Bombay said here today that Shri Chavan's stand on the border dispute would have the full backing of Opposition members as well. In fact it is disclosed that Shri Chavan is already in touch with Opposition members in Parliament.

It is hoped in the lobbies that a satisfactory solution could be found with the consent, goodwill and co-operation of both parties.